

## House Resolution 999

By: Representative Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of William "Bill" Ervin Lovett; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the  
3 passing of William "Bill" Ervin Lovett; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lovett was born in Wrightsville, Georgia, on the ninth day of the ninth  
5 month of 1919 to William Herschel and Roxie Louise Lovett; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the family moved to Dublin, where his father was involved in cotton farming  
7 and acquired the daily newspaper, *The Courier-Herald*; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Lovett witnessed the Gainesville tornado of 1936 while attending Riverside  
9 Military Academy, and he attended Duke University and the University of Virginia before  
10 serving nobly in the United States Navy during World War II, rising to the rank of petty  
11 officer; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he met the love of his life, Janelle Griffin, in 1942, and the two were married  
13 on May 16 on their first date; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Lovett worked as his father's right hand man, managed the newspaper in  
15 his father's absence during a number of political campaigns, and eventually became president  
16 of The Courier-Herald Publishing Company; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he managed the family baseball park, Lovett Park, selling tickets and hot dogs  
18 while the Dublin Green Sox went on to win a pennant; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he served his neighbors tirelessly on the board of stewards of the First United  
20 Methodist Church and was a founding member of the Pine Forest United Methodist Church  
21 and a member of the Highlands United Methodist Church; and

1 WHEREAS, on the Dublin City Council, his leadership was instrumental in building a larger  
2 courthouse, renovating City Hall, installing a natural gas system, and bringing to Dublin the  
3 city manager system of government, a format designed to improve efficiency while limiting  
4 partisan squabbling; and

5 WHEREAS, his immense devotion to serving the community was surpassed only by his  
6 loving devotion to his family, and he is survived by his loving wife, Janelle; children, Anne,  
7 Billy, Griffin, and Herschel; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of  
8 relatives, colleagues, neighbors, and friends.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body honor and remember the life of this outstanding community leader,  
11 William "Bill" Ervin Lovett, and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William "Bill"  
14 Ervin Lovett.